

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jason Rhodes on 6/19/2009. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 9, 21, and 22 have been amended as shown in the attachment.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-16 and 18-29 are allowed over the prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior arts of record fail to specifically disclose a storage section that stores a correspondence between different display formats and different causes of incapability of recognition by the voice recognition section, respectively, such that each of the display formats corresponds to a respective one of the different causes according to the stored correspondence, wherein the control section reads the display format corresponding to the particular cause of incapability of recognition determined by the result of analysis from the storage section and causes the display device to display a visual notice indicating to the driver the particular cause of incapability of recognition by changing a screen of the display device

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to exhibit the read display format. Furthermore, it would have not been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the prior arts of record in order to derive the claimed invention. Therefore, claims 9-16 and 18-29 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUYEN X. VO whose telephone number is (571)272-7631. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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